

I am writing to specifically ask you to investigate the Sinclair Broadcasting company.

My understanding is that they are either pressuring or requiring their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election . This is being done without balancing the program fairly with a program presenting the Kerry position on this political piece.

Sinclair has a responsibility to the public interest, but is also violating that trust in what appears to be an example of media consolidation and unfair practice.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, as Sinclair is trying to do by pressuring all stations to promote this unbalanced programming, we are getting away from a variety of station opinions and instead getting the economic interest of one very large corporation.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please investigate
the relationship
between Sinclair's
actions and those of
their local related
stations in unfair
media consolidation.

Thank you.